



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:)
NORTON, et al.) Atty. Docket No. P.19482/MAJR
Application No.: 10/069,946 ✓)
Filed: July 19, 2002)
For: RECOVERY OF PRECIOUS METAL)
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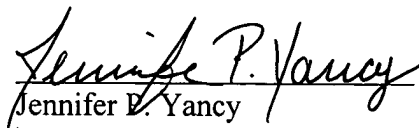
RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment which was mailed on July 19, 2004, attached is a copy of the entire section of the amendments to the claims. In Response, the amendment includes the cancellation of claims 1-47 and the proper status identifier of "previously presented" in the claims where appropriate. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,


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